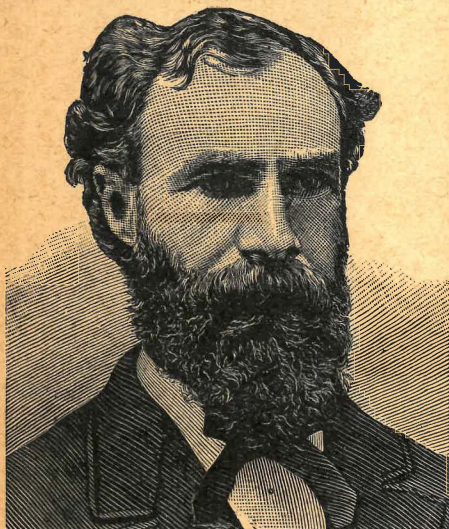


BEGIN WORK AMONG HEATHEN



Dr. Frederick Krecker, one of the missionaries, chosen to represent the Evangelical Church in Japan

MISSIONARIES SAIL ON "OCEANIC" FOR JAPAN

Cleveland, O., Oct. 2nd.—Calvary Evangelical Church witnessed a unique service last night when the Evangelical Church bade "farewell" and "God-speed" to her first missionaries to a heathen country. The missionaries composing the party are: Dr. and

Mrs. Frederick Krecker, Miss Rachel Hudson and Rev. and Mrs. A. Halmhuber. Dr. Krecker is the son of the Rev. Frederick Krecker, a minister of the Evangelical Church, and was born in Rochester, New

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GENERAL CONFERENCE TAKES ACTION

The General Conference of the Evangelical Church at its recent session, (held in the Emanuel Evangelical Church at Philadelphia, Pa., October, 1875,) took a number of very important steps that will mark her progress in Kingdom work. Most important among the aggressive steps taken was that in regard to a mission among the heathen.

After 25 years of waiting and deliberating as to the feasibility and possibility of undertaking missionary work among the heathen, the General Conference finally took action, and chose Japan as the field in which to begin her heathen missionary work.

BOARD TAKES ACTION

The Board of Missions of the Evangelical Church at its sessions of 1874 and 1875 took the following action in reference to missionary work among the heathen: "As we as a church consider it our sacred duty to cooperate in the work of converting the heathen,

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\$29,276.17 FOR HEATHEN MISSIONARY WORK

For 25 and more years the members of the Evangelical Church have been praying and paying for a mission among the heathen. Although no definite field had been designated until the General Conference held its session in Philadelphia last October, the people kept on paying and praying until \$25,650.17 were gathered into a fund, to which the members of the General Conference last October pledged \$3,626.00.

The delay in naming a definite field for such missionary operation was due to the fact that until last October there was no unity of opinion. Some wanted to go to India, others Africa, others China, and further because it is so very costly to begin such an undertaking.

Such a fund without the stimulus of a chosen field is a monument to the missionary zeal of the Evangelical Church.

OTHER FOREIGN MISSION FIELDS

The Evangelical Church is at this time operating in other lands than the United States and Canada. She has a large and growing work in Europe, Germany, Switzerland and Alsace-Lorraine.

The work in Germany was officially begun in 1850 by the appointment of Rev. John C. Link and John Marquardt, although Sebastian Kurz had done pioneer work several years before.

The work in Switzerland was begun in 1865, and that in Alsace-Lorraine was begun in 1868.

The statistics read at the General Conference last October (1875) at Philadelphia, show that the Evangelical Church has 6,083 members in Europe, 45 preachers, 6,178 Sunday School pupils.

The work in Europe is showing rapid progress and a healthy growth.

EVANGELICALS— A MISSIONARY PEOPLE

From the day that Jacob Albright, the founder of the Evangelical Church, set out as a missionary to preach the gospel, every true Evangelical has been a missionary.

The faithful, self-sacrificing preachers of this faith seem to have no rest until all have heard of the wonderful Christ they have found. They have not only covered the state of their beginnings—Pennsylvania, but have penetrated into Maryland, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Wisconsin and Minnesota. They have their ambitions even as far west as California, Oregon and Washington.

Although indigenous to the United States (and hence differing from most other churches that spring from European soil), the Evangelical Church could not long remain out of Canada. Canada furnishes a very fruitful field for the work of the Evangelical Church.

SOME FACTS

1. Francis Xavier, daring Jesuit missionary, was the first Christian ambassador in Japan. He came in 1549.

2. Within seven months there were 20,000 Christians. By 1581 there were 150,000. But the converts did not really know the meaning of Christianity. By 1614 Christianity had come under suspicion, and an edict from the rulers of Japan, suppressing it, was passed.

3. But Christianity did not die because of this edict of suppression. The spirit of martyrdom surprised the government. Japanese to the number of 230,000 are said to have been punished because of their connection with the Christian religion.

4. The coming of Perry opened Japan to Western learning, and a new Christian movement, very humble in its beginnings, was started

through the work of the little group of American and British missionaries who settled in 1859 and during the ten years following.

5. The President of a great Japanese University says, "If Christianity had not come to Japan, this nation would still be where she was in the dead and dreamy past."

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York, January 31, 1843. When but a year old, his parents moved to Pennsylvania, which became his resident State. He is the oldest of 8 children, and is an ideal Christian man, becoming converted at the early age of 8 years.

Dr. Kreckler is a graduate of Jefferson Medical College (1864), Philadelphia. Immediately upon his graduation he volunteered for army service, and was appointed surgeon in the Norfolk Navy Yards, serving on war vessels to New Orleans. He showed marked bravery in his service to the wounded.

At the close of the war, he married Miss Elizabeth Oberholzer, a minister's daughter, and thereupon resigned his naval position and retired to private life, locating in Lebanon, Pa., where he built up an extensive practice during his stay of 3 years.

He is a charter member of the English Evangelical Church at Lebanon, where he also served as Class Leader and Sunday School Superintendent. He was also the president of the local Y. M. C. A.

Dr. Kreckler was appointed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions on March 14, 1876, as missionary to Japan, as was Rev. A. Halnhuber and Miss Rachel Hudson.

The party will set

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JAPAN—

A PROMISING FIELD

Japan with its teeming millions that are sure to awaken to a great call presents an unprecedented opportunity for the church.

Japan is awaking. The entrance of Commodore Perry has aroused her. When she once awakes and puts on her strength she will lead the Orient.

The Church's opportunity is now, and no longer dare we delay. Our entrance must be immediate and in no half-hearted way.

Evangelicals have a great field—a great opportunity and a great responsibility here. Japan is beginning to turn from her idols. Will she turn to Christ? It remains for us to determine that.

JOSEPH HARDY NEESIMA JAPAN 1843-1890

What young Japanese who ran away to America founded a great Christian college in his native land?

Who is the most famous Japanese convert to Christianity?

Who served as interpreter to the Imperial Japanese Embassy in 1871?

What native Japanese college president was educated by a Christian business man of Boston?

Who said: "Let us advance on our knees?"

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and as the time to go forward in the name of God with this important enterprise seems to approach ever nearer, and as already a large amount of liberal contributions is on hand, therefore "Resolved

1. That Japan be selected as our field for the heathen mission.

2. That the Bishops with the corresponding secretary be a committee to procure suitable men for the heathen mission.

3. That we request the General Conference to send without unnecessary delay two or three missionaries to Japan."

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The appeal from the Board of Missions was referred to the Committee on Missions of the General Conference, which Committee reported as follows:

"Inasmuch as:

1. We as a church are called to preach the gospel to the heathen also,

2. For this cause many contributions have already been received and a considerable fund has been created.

3. The Board of Missions has had this matter under careful consideration for a number of years, and in recent times throughout the church the matter of founding a work among the heathen is being agitated."

4. Men, who, it is be-

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sail on the 18th of this month, and expect to arrive within a month or 3 weeks in Japan.

Dr. and Mrs. Kreyer and Miss Hudson are to reside in Tokyo, and Rev. and Mrs. Halmhuber in Osaka.

NEW MISSIONARY HYMN

Mary A. Thompson writes new missionary hymn to which James Walch writes popular tune.

The hymn reads as follows:

O Zion haste, thy mission high fulfilling,
To tell to all the world that
God is Light;
That He who made all nations
is not willing
One soul should perish, lost in
shades of night.

Behold how many thousands still
are lying.

Bound in the darksome prison-
house of sin,
With none to tell them of the
Savior's dying,
Or of the life He died for
them to win.

Proclaim to ev'ry people, tongue
and nation
That God in whom they live
and move is love:
Tell how He stooped to save his
lost creation,
And died on earth that man
might live above.

Give of thy sons to bear the
message glorious;
Give of thy wealth to speed
them on their way.
Pour out thy soul for them in
prayer victorious;
And all thou spendest Jesus
will repay.

Words on page 407 of
our Church Hymnal "O
Zion Haste."

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lieved, have the necessary qualifications, have volunteered for the work.

5. We believe that we are justified in assuming that the appeal for heathen missionary funds will not decrease the contributions to other missionary purposes (as some fear), but will rather increase those gifts and will increase the support to God's cause in general.

Therefore, be it resolved,

a) That without delay we found a mission among the heathen.

b) That Japan seems to be the proper place for us to begin this mission, and that it be founded there.

c) That the Board of Missions be authorized to make arrangements, as soon as possible, to man the same with at least two qualified men."

Conference Votes Unanimously

This report was received with great solemnity, and after earnest debate, the whole audience, delegates and visitors went upon their knees in earnest prayer, seeking the guidance of the Almighty. Groanings and sobbings were heard all over the house. When they arose, the question was called for, and the vote adopting the report was unanimous.

Then the General Conference gave way to singing and praising, both in the German and in the English languages.